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**Monday, 8 December 2003**

## Security Council

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Iraq (UNMOVIC)

Other matters

## General Assembly

Tenth emergency special session

10 a.m. — 23rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/248)

(b) Draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.16)

(c) Draft decision (A/ES-10/L.17)

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### Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520), or call Mr. David Biggs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5598), from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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# General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Morning[1] 71st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/58/451) [62]
2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/58/452) [63]
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/58/453) [64]
4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/454) [65]
5. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/58/455) [66]
6. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/58/456) [67]
7. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/58/457) [68]
8. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/458) [69]
9. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/459) [70]
10. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/58/460) [71]
11. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/58/461) [72]
12. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/462) [73]
13. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/58/463) [74]
14. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/58/464) [75]
15. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/465) [76]
16. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/58/466) [77]
17. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/58/467) [78]
18. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/468) [79]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 23rd plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session.

19. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/58/469) . . . . . [80]

3 p.m. 72nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/510) [148]
2. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/511) [149]
3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/512) . . . . . [150]
4. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-sixth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/513) . . . . . [151]
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9. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/518) [156]
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11. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings . . . . [158]
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    (b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.37)
12. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/522) . . . . . [159]
13. Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Community in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/523) . . . . . [162]
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17. Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/568) . . . . . [49]

## Main Committees

**Second Committee**

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations convened by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on all outstanding draft proposals

**Fifth Committee**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/58/269, A/58/366, A/58/367, A/58/368, A/58/550 and A/58/554)); 132 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/58/226, A/58/368, A/58/288 and A/58/449)); and 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of draft resolution)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of draft resolution)

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Statements of programme budget implications

# Economic and Social Council

**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room A

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room A

Informal consultations in preparation for its resumed 2003 session

# General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

**Second Committee**

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)*

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)*

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Room S-2963D

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)*

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)*

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)*

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International trade and development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)*

1.15–3 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

*Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda item 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)*

1.30–3.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

*Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)*

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

## Other meetings

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**Monday, 8 December 2003**

**Group of 77** *(financing for development; and other macroeconomic policy questions)*

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

**Group of 77** *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

**Group of 77** *(Second Committee issues)*

1.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

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**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)**

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

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**African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

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**Open-ended informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development" (A/58/L.29) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

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**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))**

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

**UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

**Informal briefing on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)**

There will be an informal briefing by Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Director-General for Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III). The briefing, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

**Briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*"**

There will be a briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*", organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Singapore, on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Ms. Katariina Prepula, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0244).

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.*

**Monday, 8 December 2003**

*Room S-226*

11.15 a.m. . . . . Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (to launch the final part of the *World Economic and Social Survey 2003*)

12.45 p.m. . . . . Background briefing by a senior United Nations official on the Secretary-General's address to the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva, 10 December); and on the Secretary-General's Lecture on Global Ethics (Tubingen, Germany, 12 December) [Delegations are invited to view the briefing in Studio 4, First Basement.]

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Tuesday, 9 December 2003**

# General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 73rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2003 (A/58/23 (Parts I-III)

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/66 and A/58/171)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), Chapter XII, Section G, para. 7 and A/58/L.21))

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/470) . . . . . [81]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/471) . . . . [82]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/472) . . . . . [83]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/473) [84]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/474) . . . . . [85]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/475) . . . . . [86]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/476) . . . . . [87]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/477) . . . . . [88]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report

of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/478) [89 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/479) . . . . . [90]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/480) . . . . . [19]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), Chapter XII, Section G, para. 7 and A/58/L.21) . . . . . [19]

14. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/58/L.33) . . . . . [40 (e)]

**Second Committee**

The Second Committee will hold its 36th meeting[1] on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 1*, to take action on draft decision A/C.2/58/L.6 (item 91 (b)) and draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.12 and A/C.2/58/L.48 (item 94), A/C.2/58/L.11 (item 94 (c), A/C.2/58/L.21 and A/C.2/58/L.47 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.33 (item 91 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.35 and A/C.2/58/L.46 (item 101) and A/C.2/58/L.36/Rev.1 (item 103); and its 37th meeting on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 1*, to take action on all outstanding draft proposals.

[1] Informal consultations will be held, immediately following the adjournment of the 36th meeting.

**Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

**Credentials Committee**

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are requested to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A) before the meeting, on 11 December.

**International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**
First meeting of States Parties

The First Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/1, CMW/SP/2 and CMW/SP/3.

*Quorum*

Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

*Credentials*

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

# Economic and Social Council

**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-4248).

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**JUSCANZ Group** *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

**Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)**

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on the following dates: Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2; Thursday, 11 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Friday, 12 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rom 9.

**United Nations Expert Group Meeting on World Population in 2300**

The United Nations Expert Group Meeting on World Population in 2300, organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. For further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; fax 1 (212) 963-2147) [Background document and related information are available at www.un.org/esa/population/publications/longrange2/longrange2.htm.]

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))**

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)**

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, a panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, will take place on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

**Eastern European Group** *(of the Fifth Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)* on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B.

**Presentation of the handbook *Internet Services for Delegates***

A practical presentation for all permanent missions to the United Nations of the recently-issued handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*, organized by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to the participants. Members of the permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

## Announcements

**Security Council**

**Daily informal briefings**

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

**Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

**Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society**

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

## Summary of meetings

**Friday, 5 December 2003**

# General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

69th plenary meeting

*Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance* . . . . . [40]

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/58/L.34)*

*(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/58/L.22 and A/58/L.35)*

*(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/58/L.33)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 40 and its sub-items (a), (b) and (e).

The representative of South Africa made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/58/L.22 and A/58/L.35.

The President announced that, at the request of the sponsor, action on draft resolution A/58/L.33 would be taken at a later date.

The representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group 77 and China) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.34.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/58/L.22 (resolution 58/24), A/58/L.34 (resolution 58/25) and A/58/L.35 (resolution 58/26).

The representative of Ethiopia made a statement.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of sub-items (a), (b) and (c) of agenda item 40.

*Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait* [35]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session.

*The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan* [28 and 40 (f)]

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/616)*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.32)*

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of Germany made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.32.

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey), as well as by H.E. Mr. Sayed Safwan Ullah, Minister of Housing and Work of Pakistan, and the representatives of Norway, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Egypt, India, Turkey, Ukraine and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

70th plenary meeting

*The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan* [28 and 40 (f)]

*(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/616)*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.32)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 28 and sub-item (f) of agenda item 40.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Japan, the Russian Federation, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, Tajikistan and Nepal.

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolution A/58/L.32 (resolution A/58/27 A and B).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 28 and sub-item (f) of agenda item 40.

## Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Amendments to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). 27 November 2003*

*Acceptance of amen 'ments proposed by France to article 12 of the Agreement* (27 November 2003)[1]

*Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003*

*Signature*: Australia (5 December 2003)

*United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003*

**Opening for signature**

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

## Other announcements

**Human Rights Day**

All information concerning the events on the occasion of Human Rights Day can be found at the following Web site: www.un.org/events/humanrights/.

**Chairmen of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
South Africa
H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

*Asian States:*
Japan
H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi

*Eastern European States:*
Republic of Modova
H.E. Mr. Vsevolod Grigore

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Dominica
H.E. Mr. Crispin Gregoire

*Western European and other States:*
France
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc de La Sablière

**Web sites**

*President of the General Assembly:*
www.un.org/ga/president

*General Assembly:*
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/
www.un.org/ga

*Presidency of the Security Council:*
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

*Security Council:*
www.un.org/sc

*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:*
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373
www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373
www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

*Economic and Social Council:*
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

*Italian presidency of the European Union:*
www.italyun.org
http://europa-eu-un.org

*Department of Economic and Social Affairs:*
www.un.org/esa

*Journal of the United Nations:*
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| A/58/473 | Item 84 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S] |
| A/58/481 | Item 91 — Macroeconomic policy questions — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S] |
| A/58/499 | Item 108 — Crime and criminal justice — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S] |
| A/58/566 | Item 26 — The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development — United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/58/607 | Items 12, 60 and 100 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Globalization and interdependence — Letter |

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| | dated 18 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/58/614 | Items 91, 93 and 100 — Macroeconomic policy questions — Sustainable development and international economic cooperation — Globalization and interdependence — Letter dated 25 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/58/L.32* | Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S] |
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| A/RES/58/11 | Item 44 — International Decade for a culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010 [A C E F R S] |
| A/RES/58/12 | Item 25 — University for Peace [A C E F R S] |
| | **Fifth Committee** |
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| A/C.5/58/L.29 | Item 134 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy [A C E F R S] |
| | **Tenth emergency special session** |
| A/ES-10/251 | Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Letter dated 3 December 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] |
| A/ES-10/L.16 | Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — 27-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S] |

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| S/2003/1121 | Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [E (only)] |
| S/2003/1141 | Letter dated 1 December 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/PRST/2003/25 | Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/AGENDA/4875 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |
| S/AGENDA/4876 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |

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**2003 resumed session**

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| E/C.2/2003/2/Add.14 | Quadrennial reports, 1998-2001 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| E/C.2/2003/2/Add.15 | Quadrennial reports, 1998-2001, submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
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**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**
**Thirtieth session**

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| CEDAW/C/2004/I/4/Add.1 | Item 7 of the provisional agenda — Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee — Overview of the current working methods of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women— Note by the secretariat [A C E F R S] |

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

**First regular session 2004**

DP/2004/2 Item 1 of the provisional agenda — Organizational matters — Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2003 [A C E F R S]

**Secretariat**

ST/IC/2003/60 Information circular — Membership of the Senior Review Group [E F (only)]

ST/SGB/2003/17 Secretary-General's bulletin — Information and Communication Technology Board [E]

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